GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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DARJEELING HIMALAYAN RAILWAYS
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the proposal regarding depriving the Darjeeling HimalayanRailway (DHR) from the status of world heritage as it is run by a diesel engine;

(b) if so, whether the use of fast moving upgraded steam engine is possible in DHR;

(c) if so, the efforts made by the Government to maintain the status of world heritage for DHR; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): No, Sir. Ministry of Railways has not received communication of any proposal regardingdepriving the Darjeeling Himalayan Railways (DHR) from the status of world heritage.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Indian Railways is committed to protect and uphold DHR`s status of world heritage.

(d): Does not arise.